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Doo Wop
Project

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After your visit, please stay connected with us by joining us on Facebook (AtTheMAC) or subscribing to our e-newsletter to find out about added shows, events, and special offers (www.AtTheMAC.org). We challenge you to try something new at the MAC and expand your cultural palate. Come see the New Philharmonic Orchestra or a Buffalo Theatre Ensemble play. Or join us this summer for the Hokusai exhibit. We are grateful for your presence here and we want to ensure that your visit is enjoyable. If you need anything, please don't hesitate to ask any of the staff and we will do our best to accommodate you.

Thank you for being a part of our community of arts enthusiasts and being ***Simply the Best!*** We can't wait to share these unforgettable experiences with you and hope you have a wonderful time. We look forward to entertaining you and seeing you at the theater.

Enjoy the show!

Diana Martinez
Director, McAninch Arts Center

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A NEW DOO

A BRAND NEW SHOW FROM

The Doo Wop Project

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Sat, Apr 19, 2025, 7:30p
Belushi Performance Hall

ABOUT THE SHOW

The Doo Wop Project, the dynamic, rave-reviewed celebration of a beloved music genre, has a brand new “DOO!” Starring the five engaging, charismatic and dashing Broadway stars from smash hits like *Jersey Boys*, *A Bronx Tale*, *Beautiful*, and *Motown: The Musical* with their all-star band, this exciting new show (with a brand new setlist) features fresh renditions of classic Doo Wop hits (remember “16 candles” and “In the Still of the Night”?) as well as “doo-wopified” versions of contemporary hits like Adele’s “Rolling in the Deep” and Garth Brooks’ “Friends in Low Places.” Of course, they’ll keep some fan favorites in the new show – memorable numbers like “Remember When” and “That’s My Desire”.

If you’ve seen The Doo Wop Project before, you are in for a brand new treat. If you haven’t seen them yet, you’ll be treated to a fantastic evening of the greatest music in American pop and rock history...from the classic sound of five guys singing harmonies on a street corner to the biggest hits on the radio today.

THE DOO WOP PROJECT

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| Charl Brown | Vocalist |
| AJ Davis | Vocalist |
| John Michael Dias | Vocalist |
| Michael Fasano | Vocalist |
| Dominic Nolfi | Vocalist |
| Sonny Paladino | Music Director, Piano |



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Charl Brown (Vocalist) was nominated for a Tony Award for Best Featured Actor in a Musical for his role as “Smokey Robinson” in *Motown The Musical*; he reprised this role opening London’s West End production in 2016. He is also featured on the Grammy Nominated Original Broadway Cast recording. Brown was most recently seen

on Broadway as “Steve Pieters” in Elton John’s Olivier Award winning musical *Tammy Faye*. Brown was honored to work with Stephen Schwartz playing the role of Adam/Noah in *Children of Eden* in Concert at the Kennedy Center, and returned to Kennedy Center in 2018 as The Specialist in *The Who’s Tommy*. Other Credits include; *Jersey Boys* on Broadway and Las Vegas (Hal Miller) *Sister Act Broadway* (Officer Eddie Souther, TJ, Pablo U/S, Ensemble) *Hair* (Hud) European Tour, *Dreamgirls* (Curtis) The Muny, *Ragtime* (Coalhouse Walker Jr) Moonlight Stage, *Smokey Joe’s Café* (Adrian) The Muny, *The Who’s Tommy* (Captain Walker) Denver Center, *Ever After* (Captain Laurent) Papermill Playhouse, *Johnny Baseball* (Tim Wyatt) ART, *Six Degrees of Separation* (Paul) Long Beach Playhouse, *JC Superstar* (Judas) Music at Westwood Theater, *A Chorus Line* (Richie) Starlight Theater, *Star Wars Trilogy in 30 Minutes* (Lando Calrissian) Edinburgh Fringe Festival. TV: *FBI*, *Evil*; *Madam Secretary*; *America’s Got Talent* (US & UK); *Macy’s 85th & 87th Thanksgiving Day Parade*, *The 63rd Annual Tony Awards*, *A Capitol 4th* 2013. Brown is also a proud Graduate of the University of Southern California School of Dramatic Arts where he currently sits on the advisory board for the inaugural BFA in Musical Theater Class.



A.J. Davis (Vocalist) is a New York based international entertainer. He was recently seen in the NY premiere of the hit Off-Broadway musical “Rock and Roll Man” (New World Stages). Davis has toured with *Dreamgirls* US/Japan Tour, *New York Harlem Singers* Asia Tour, and *The Harlem Voices* European Tour. Other theatre credits: *The Wiz* (Maine State Music Theatre), *Rock and Roll Man* (Bucks County Playhouse/Berkshire Theatre Group), and *Smokey Joe’s Café* (Midtown Arts Center). Davis has

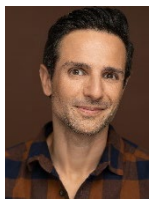
also toured the world as a Guest Entertainer with numerous acts such as “Shadows of the 60’s”, “The Drifters”, “Legacy in Concert”, “Uptown Boys”, “Motones vs. Jerseys”, and most recently “The Doo Wop Project”.

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John Michael Dias (Vocalist) recently appeared on Broadway as Neil Sedaka in the Tony and Grammy Award-winning hit *Beautiful: The Carol King Musical*. He originated same the role for the *Beautiful* First National Tour. Dias gained a nationwide following starring as Frankie Valli of the Four Seasons in the smash hit *Jersey Boys*, playing the role on Broadway, as well as in the First National Tour, Vegas, and Chicago companies. Concerts: *Breaking Up Is Hard to Do: Neil Sedaka's Greatest Hits!* He can also be seen singing special appearances with the vocal group The Doo-Wop Project. Dias' solo album, *Write This Way*, which features intimate takes on Broadway and pop favorites like "Can't Take My Eyes Off of You" and "New York State of Mind" is available on iTunes. Dias earned a BFA in musical theatre from Boston Conservatory.



Michael Fasano (Vocalist) is so excited to be performing with The Doo Wop Project! Most notably, Fasano has starred as "Frankie Valli" in *Jersey Boys* at Timber Lake Playhouse, Music Theatre of CT and on the Norwegian Bliss, where he was an Original Company Member. Other Credits include *Lend Me A Tenor*, *The Rocky Horror Show*, *New York State of Mind* with The Uptown Boys (Bway World Best Cabaret), *Footloose* (CT Critics' Circle Nom). Tours: *Grease*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*. Off Bway: *Louisiana Purchase*, *Out of This World*. Boston Conservatory. Thank you Dom, Todd, and ATB, friends & fam, Elliott. For Dad. Follow @michaelfasano.



Dominic Nolfi (Vocalist) Original Broadway Credits: *Jersey Boys* (Tony award best musical), *Motown: The Musical*, and *A Bronx Tale*. He can be heard on all three Cast Albums. Off Broadway: *Piece of My Heart* NYS&F. TV: *Orange is the New Black* (Final season) Film: *Zombie Prom* starring RuPaul. Nolfi was one of the original members of The Doo Wop Project which can be seen on PBS and Live on tour across North America. Nolfi is married to Sonia Nolfi who he met performing in the European tour of *Grease!* They have a daughter, Vivienne, who attends LaGuardia High School (The Fame School) in NYC as a dance major. He is a purple belt at Park Slope Academy of Brazilian JiuJitsu. He loves performing doo wop with his artistic brothers! OSU



Sonny Paladino (Music Director, Piano) was the Music Supervisor, Arranger, Orchestrator and Conductor for the Broadway Musical *A Beautiful Noise* and is currently the Music Supervisor for the National Tour. Music Supervisor for the Broadway Musical, *Natasha, Pierre and the Great Comet of 1812*, Music Director, Arranger and Orchestrator for the Broadway musical *Getting the Band Back Together*, and the off-Broadway revival of *Smokey Joe's Café*. Coming soon, *The Wanderer*. Arrangements and orchestrations for The Indianapolis, Baltimore, Vancouver, Detroit, and Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra's and The Philly Pops. Associate Conductor for *The Last Ship* (written by 16 time Grammy Award winner, Sting), and the TONY winning best revival, *Pippin*. Other Broadway credits as a musician, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Billy Elliot*, *Grease*, *Priscilla*, *Queen of the Desert*, *Guys and Dolls*, *Mama Mia*, *Promises, Promises*, *Addams Family*, *Women on the Verge*. Music Supervisor for *Disney's High School Musical* (Milan/Italy tour.) 1st National Tours: *Disney's High School Musical*, *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, and *Grease*. TV: *Disney's Encore!*, *The X-Factor* (Australia), *The Next Big Thing*. Paladino is also a founding member and arranger of the hit group The Doo Wop Project, which tours the country performing classic Doo Wop music and contemporary songs in that style.

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- Groups of 10 or more may contact (630) 942-3026 or groupitx@cod.edu to arrange for group discounts.
- If you notice a spill in the theater, please notify an usher.
- McAninch Arts Center volunteers are people who assist the house staff in areas of ticket taking, ushering and general management during performances. To get involved, call (630) 942-3705.
- **For Americans With Disabilities Act** accommodations, call (630) 942-2141 (voice) or (630) 858-9692 (TDD).
- **Infrared Assistive Listening Devices:** For audience members who desire audio amplification of performances, headsets with individual volume controls are now available. You may check out the headsets at the Box Office with a driver's license. *Underwritten by a generous gift from The Knowles Foundation.*

MAC STAFF LISTING

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| Director of the McAninch Arts Center..... | Diana Martinez |
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| Director of Development for Cultural Arts..... | Jon Nadel |
| Education and Community Engagement Coordinator..... | Mandy Rakow |
| Office Manager/Events Coordinator | Morgan Bainbridge |
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| Assistant Box Office Supervisors | Daniel Arzola, Elise Wash |
| Box Office Assistants | Patrick Garon, Joanne Hunt |
| Patron Services Manager | Tom Murray |
| Assistant Patron Services Supervisor | Deborah Kolek |
| House Manager/Volunteer Coordinator | Rob Nardini |

MAC Resident Professional Ensembles

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| Buffalo Theatre Ensemble, Interim Managing Artistic Director | Amelia Barrett |
| Buffalo Theatre Ensemble, Interim Associate Artistic Director | Daniel Millhouse |
| Buffalo Theatre Ensemble, Business Manager..... | Bryan Burke |
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| New Philharmonic, Associate Conductor and Librarian | Benjamin Nadel |
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| New Philharmonic Personnel Manager..... | Karen Dickelman |
| New Philharmonic Assistant Librarian..... | Ryan Michel |

MAC Design and Technical Staff

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| Technical Production/Lighting/Sound Coordinator..... | Richard Arnold, Jr. |
| Technical Theater Supervisor..... | Sabrina Zeidler |
| Costume and Make-up Design Coordinator | Kimberly G. Morris |
| Assistant Costume Coordinator and Stitcher | Gretchen Woodley |
| Production Manager | Joe Hopper |
| Sound and Lighting Specialist..... | Ben Johnson |
| Lighting Production Specialist | Elias Morales |
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